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Work Begins at South Portal Site

The first phase of preparation work for the tunnels has begun at the South portal site.

Excavation work is underway to construct an underground holding tank to collect water from the seasonal waterfall next to the portal and surface rainwater in the area. A culvert under Highway 1 will channel water into the ocean.

The concrete holding tank has approximate dimensions of 190 feet long, 16 feet high and 16 feet wide. The tank will hold about 260,000 gallons.

The current work will not involve any changes to Highway 1 and so motorists should not be impacted during this first phase. There may be minor delays as the contractor moves heavy equipment and materials to the job site.

The contract for the twin tunnels was awarded to Kiewit Pacific following a competitive bidding process during the last part of 2006. The winning bid was for \$272 million. Kiewit Pacific is a large civil engineering and construction company with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

